

Saskatchewan Valley Minor Hockey League
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
Monday, April 6, 2009
Hepburn School

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

<u>Franchised Centers</u>	Yes	No	<u>Non-Franchised Centers</u>	Yes	No
Aberdeen	X		Leask		X
Beardy's	X		Shellbrook		X
Cudworth	X		St. Louis		X
Dalmeny	X				
Hague	X		SHA President-Greg Camp	X	
Hepburn	X				
Langham	X				
Rosthern	X				
SVP	X				
Wakaw	X				
Waldheim	X				
Warman	X				

<i>The SVMHL Annual Spring Meeting was held at the Hepburn School on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.</i>	ACTION
<p>1. SIGNING IN OF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons in attendance signed in. 	
<p>2. CALL TO ORDER: President Ben Goertzen</p>	
<p>3. READING OF FALL MINUTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary / Treasurer, Rikki Bowley, read the minutes of the Fall Meeting. The President asked that the 2008 Fall Minutes be adopted as read. 	
<p>4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to end of meeting. 	
<p>5. CORRESPONDANCE:</p> <p>5.1 Beardy's Minor Hockey non-compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Ben Goertzen referred to Bylaws #2 and #5 and addressed Beardy's Minor Hockey due to the fact they had outstanding fines issued on January 16 and 20, 2009. Beardy's was eliminated from play-offs due to this and Joy Starr made payment of outstanding fines at the meeting. Bylaw #2 states within: <i>"The League office can draw on any of the bond for non compliance of the rules as laid down by the CHA, SHA or SVMHL. The Executive of the SVMHL to be considered a separate governing body from the CHA and SHA. For the center to be in good standing with the SVMHL, the performance Bond level must be maintained or that center shall lose all rights and privileges of being associated with the SVMHL. The \$150.00 bond must be in place within 48 hours with a postmark as proof of the same."</i> Bylaw #5 states within: <i>"Precedents that have been set in the past shall serve as a basis for the decisions made by the President and Executive. The decisions and how they were arrived at will be considered final and binding. No further protests will be entertained after a decision has been made. Those that persist will risk further disciplinary action that will result in the Executive having no choice but to suspend all parties involved and have their performance bond drawn on for non compliance of which they will have the opportunity to put back in place as outlined in Bylaw #2 of the SVMHL. The matter will then be brought to the attention of the other Franchise members in good standing at the next meeting and discussed as to whether or not a vote shall</i> 	

<p><i>be made as to whether they want such Centers to continue to be associated with the SVMHL.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy Starr asked permission to address the group to explain on behalf of Beardy’s Minor Hockey before all Centers made a decision whether to let them continue to stay involved in SVMHL. Beardy’s Minor Hockey had many changes this past season including a new executive and they lost control of access to finances, which in combination with some poor coaching staff and lack of communication issues, caused them the lack of ability to pay outstanding fines in a timely fashion. Remi Mike, a Band Council Member, also requested permission to speak and asked that consideration be given as meetings have been held with proposed changes within the Beardy’s Minor Hockey Association Executive and that the children not be punished. Dave Zacharias expressed the concern of the expenses involved to other towns and teams due to the intentional forfeits, and the payment received from the fines did not cover wasted ice fees and ref costs. Greg Camps from SHA addressed the group asking all to keep the children in consideration when making decisions. Also suggested the possibility of forming an appeal process and having a neutral body, aside from the Executive, to deal with appeals. Warman made a motion to accept Beardy’s into the 2009/2010 season, Dalmeny seconded the motion. All in favour. Dave Zacharias commented that what happened cannot happen again and that the intention of the Executive’s decision to eliminate Beardy’s from play-offs was never intended to hurt the children. The importance of following the rules was expressed firmly. 	<i>Carried</i>
<p>6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in attendance reviewed the financial statement, as of April 2, 2009, as provided by Rikki Bowley. Approved by all. 	
<p>7. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL OR BYLAW AMENDMENTS:</p> <p>7.1 Proposal Constitution Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center representation required for meetings as proposed at Fall Meeting was discussed. A \$200 fine will be issued for any Franchised Center failing to have representation at the Annual Spring and Fall SVMHL meetings. This amendment will be added to section #9 Meetings in the SVMHL Constitution & Bylaws. Motioned by Dalmeny, seconded by Warman. All in favour. <p>7.2 Proposed Amendments for 2009-2010 to be discussed and decided on at the Fall Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bylaw #19 Intentional Forfeits – fine amounts to be reassessed and reviewed with consideration of raising the fees to cover incurred expenses for the opposing team. President Goertzen made the motion, seconded by Rosthern <i>Carried</i> Bylaw #15 Suspensions – fighting suspensions was discussed. President Goertzen doubled the length of fighting suspensions after having received notification of 12 suspensions issued in the first 3 games of league season at midget age level. Doubling the suspensions detoured an acceleration of the amount of suspensions given out afterward. Rosthern made motion to double the “fighting” suspensions and to readdress and vote on at the Fall meeting. Seconded by Hepburn. <i>Carried</i> President Goertzen recommended all positions, including the Secretary / Treasurer position be a one year term position and be discussed further at the Fall meeting. SHA Rep suggested consider having at least one member stay on for upcoming new member support and a separate disciplinary member or committee to deal with the excessive amount of complaints to relieve some strain off of the Executive. Waldheim made a motion to consider a disciplinary committee, seconded by Rosthern. <i>Carried</i> Bylaw #16 Play-Offs – Dave Zacharias requested the play-offs start date be extended to lengthen the league season. Hepburn motioned to discuss at the next meeting to decide on extending play-offs to 10 days, rather than 8. Seconded by Warman. <i>Carried</i> Bylaw #16 Play-Off Formats – Seeding of play-offs was discussed and suggested that the decision be made at the Fall Meetings to determine play-off formats according to the number of teams entered to make the seeding fair and unbiased. Motioned by Warman, seconded by Beardy’s <i>Carried</i> 	<i>Carried</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaw #7 Officials – Lack of refs was discussed as a problem for most Centers. The SHA Rep discussed the importance of having mentors for the young refs and to be present at the arenas frequently to encourage and educate the young officials on their performance. Warman mentioned the concern of young officials not being allowed to ref play-off games due to the neutral ref rule and encouraged that if this rule stays in place, that neighbouring Centers try to use each others officials during play-offs. Langham made motion to list officials on the website to make ref contacts more easily available. 	
<p>8 SHA REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Camps mentioned that SHA is looking for a Zone 8 Representative. This position would be a 2 year term and those interested to contact SHA for more information. • Greg complimented the group on having the SVMHL Constitution and Rules in place. 	
<p>9 COORDINAOR REPORTS:</p> <p>9.1 Novice - Charlene Gustafson – Concerns regarding the 3 goal limit per player needs to be enforced more by coaches. Problems occurred with receiving faxes from Warman. Some teams requested league season extensions, but played exhibition games instead- League play is priority. Score sheets need to be filled out clearly to avoid score discrepancies. Charlene volunteered to be the Novice Coordinator for the upcoming 2009/2010 season.</p> <p>9.2 Atom – Michael Neufeld – No problems were reported. Coordinator duties were shared between Michael Neufeld and Marcy North.</p> <p>9.3 Pee Wee – Chet Walker – No serious problems were reported. Scheduling was difficult due to the number of teams involved, too many requesting the same game nights, and trying to fit in all games in the number of weeks provided for league play.</p> <p>9.4 Bantam – Dave Zacharias – Scheduling was also difficult due to teams wanting same game nights. Dave requested consideration be given to starting play-offs last week of February to allow longer league play and avoid play-offs starting during Spring Break. Majority felt that would be too late to start, but maybe one week later and extending the number of days of each round to 10 days would help. To be discussed as stated in proposed Bylaw #16 amendment.</p> <p>9.5 Midget – Chris Pechawis – Chris was not present but President Goertzen expressed that aside from too many fighting suspensions, the season went well and settled down considerably after suspension increases. Play-offs went well with very little problems. No year-end major fights as in the previous year were reported.</p>	
<p>10. NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>10.1 New Medal Designs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New medal design options were presented by Rikki Bowley. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old design - \$5-\$7 depending on quantity ordered (6-8 week delivery) 2. Old design insert on newer style medal - \$4.50 each (1 week and can order as per individual numbers needed) 3. New design - \$5.95 from domestic supplier (4-6 week delivery) 4. New design - \$5.35 from overseas supplier (8-12 week minimum delivery) • Langham made a motion to decide on option #2 for the convenience to the Executive. Wakaw seconded the motion. All in favor. <p>10.2 Secretary / Treasurer Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary / Treasurer position will need to be filled for the 2009/2010 season. <p>11. PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS:</p>	<p><i>Carried</i></p>

President Ben Goertzen informed all present that Dundurn has requested to attend the Fall meeting with intentions to request to enter a Bantam team next season. Martensville also expressed they may potentially be interested in joining SVMHL but no confirmation on this to date. Racism, bullying and general inconsideration for other's was expressed. Ben Goertzen witnessed many unnecessary and unacceptable events throughout the season and encouraged all to promote respect and discourage such behaviour within their communities. Vice-President Dave Zacharias asked all Centers to encourage the new young families to get involved more in Minor Hockey.

12. INTRODUCTION OF 2009/2010 EXECUTIVE – WARMAN & DALMENY:

- 2009/2010 President and Vice-President yet to be determined. The Secretary / Treasurer position was encouraged to be filled from one of these Centers if possible for convenience.

13. DATE OF UPCOMING MEETING:

- The Annual Fall Meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

14. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by President Goertzen.